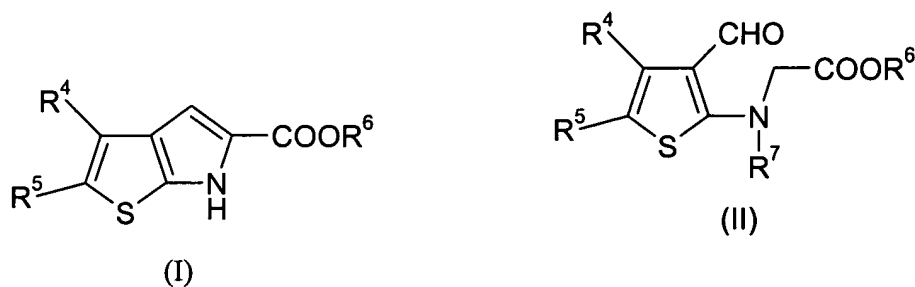


ABSTRACT

PROCESS AND INTERMEDIATES FOR THE
PREPARATION OF THIENOPYRROLE DERIVATIVES



A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) where R^4 and R^5 are as defined in the specification; and R^6 is hydrogen or a protecting group, which process comprises cyclisation of a compound of formula (II) where R^4 , R^5 and R^6 are as defined in relation to formula (I), and R^7 is nitrogen-protecting group, and removing the group R^7 -, and thereafter if desired or necessary, removing any protecting group R^6 to obtain the corresponding carboxylic acid. Novel intermediates and the use of the products in the preparation of pharmaceutical compounds is also described and claimed.